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# Livingston HSCB

HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE BODY

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## What's New in Livingston?

### Increased Public Transportation

Livingston Essential Services Transportation (L.E.T.S.) is expanding its service availability! Beginning in early 2018 L.E.T.S. will expand weekday service availability during peak daytime hours and evening hours to meet demand. Later in 2018 L.E.T.S. will begin to increase availability in underserved areas of the County, particularly the northern and southern tier townships, and deploy a dedicated dialysis bus.

This expansion is made possible by a \$50,000 contribution from the Livingston County Board of Commissioners which will serve as local match for an additional \$300,000 of federal and state grant

funding. More details to come!

Livingston County is fortunate to have such innovative leadership at L.E.T.S. and strong advocacy by the Livingston County Transportation Coalition, who heard the community's need and worked to fill that gap.



**Special Thanks to the Livingston County Board of Commissioners for also seeing this need and supporting this valuable resource for our community!**

## Collaboration Works!

### Livingston County DHHS and Three Fires Elementary Team up!!

Under the direction of Jennifer Tate, the Livingston County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Three Fires Elementary have teamed up on a new initiative to prevent truancy. The initiative is designed to target children under 10, since Howell Public Schools has recently experienced a spike in truancy with this age group. Younger children often need the assistance of a caretaker to get to school, and truancy typically is not a direct result of the child's own decisions, and sometimes additional help is needed.

Help arrives in the form of the partnership between DHHS and Three Fires staff. The team agreed to station

one DHHS Assistance Payments (AP) Worker (AP worker's process applications and payments for Medicaid, food assistance, daycare etc...) and one Children's Protective Service (CPS) Worker at Three Fires Elementary. These staff are working directly with caretakers at the school to resolve any barriers families may have that prevent their child from getting to school. Often times barriers include not having transportation, a babysitter or even an alarm clock.

These workers, with the agreement of the families, can assist with highlighting and providing resources the Livingston County community has available. In the event a family qualifies for CPS services, there will be a familiar face and name with the same mission to assist with removing barriers and keeping children safe and families together at Three Fires. DHHS plans to add Southwest Elementary in 2018.



## International Survivor of Suicide Loss Day

Livingston County Community Mental Health Authority hosted the 2nd Annual event on November 18th. Each year this event brings together people who have been affected by suicide to share stories of challenges, healing and hope.

This year, the event hosted 12 people who watched a video, provided each year by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Participants had the opportunity to interact with panel members and had discussions about the path of grief and the road to healing. Additionally participants learned about local support resources. Together, they were able to share their experiences with a focus on healing and hope.

The importance of this annual event is not how many people attend, but that the people who attend are given tools and connections that allow them to not feel alone in their journey. Each person's story is so individualized, yet the loss and need for understanding extends across all stories.

## Grant to Watch

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) is excited to announce the expansion of a worksite wellness grant within Livingston County. The grant will allow LCHD to support local businesses through the development, advancement, or expansion of their worksite wellness programs. This is a great opportunity for local businesses to receive free guidance and support regarding worksite wellness activities. Additionally, the grant will allow qualifying businesses to receive a \$1,000 stipend to be used towards the advancement of their worksite wellness program.

Worksite wellness programs refer to strategies intended to improve the health of employees. These strategies do not need to be complicated or costly. LCHD's worksite wellness program will focus on making simple and sustainable environmental changes within local businesses.

As a participant in the program, employers will be asked to complete a 20-minute environmental survey regarding the current status of their worksite; create and implement a worksite wellness action plan; and document progress towards worksite wellness goals. LCHD will work alongside the worksite to provide guidance and support throughout the process, at no cost to the employer. Outcomes of the program will include a strengthened worksite wellness team and a plan for the company's future worksite wellness efforts.

LCHD is looking to partner with businesses who meet the following criteria:

- Located within Livingston County
- Employ a minimum of 25 employees
- Current worksite wellness program is

limited or not in place

If interested, please contact Courtney Andrews at 517.552.6856 or [candrews@livgov.com](mailto:candrews@livgov.com).



## Livingston County Video Tour

The Livingston County Planning Department is pleased to present a 2017 Video Tour of Livingston County that showcases the advantages of living, working and playing in our County Community!

The 2017 video tour replaces the former 2014 version and it includes comments by community leaders as well as a well-rounded visual depiction of our County, presented in the following nine (9) chapters:

- Welcome
- Education
- Parks and Recreation
- Healthcare – NEW
- Real Estate and Relocation
- Downtown, Business & Industry
- Quality of Life

- Economic Development – NEW
- Community Organizations - NEW

Please visit the Livingston County home page at: <https://www.livgov.com/> to view the new **Video Tour of Livingston County**.

Please help us promote this video through word of mouth, newsletters, links from your website to the Video Tour of Livingston County, and other forms of communication. This product is designed to benefit everyone in Livingston County by marketing the unique assets of our Livingston County community.



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# Stories of Hope

## Homeless Awareness Week 2017

### Did you know that over 100 people are homeless each day in Livingston County?

Each year, the Homeless Continuum of Care Committee provides a week of opportunities for people to remember those less fortunate. This year, an amazing committee provided a range of opportunities for people to become involved.

**Silhouettes** were placed on the front lawn at The Connection house on Grand River. These represent the number of people who are homeless.



**Somebodies** were placed at sites throughout the county. These life sized homeless people have sweatshirts that tell their story. Most important is they represent anyone, as anyone can find themselves homeless.



**Bake Sale** was conducted to share

the message while raising funds to directly support our local homeless. \$321 was generated as a result of those efforts.

**Paint and Pour** was held to allow



community folks to join together for an evening of fun, but also discussing the county homeless and raising funds to support them. This raised \$308.



**2017 Art Show** was

held at the Howell Opera House. This event brought 65 people together to look at local student's art work representative of their perception of homelessness. The event also included speakers who either were currently homeless, homeless in their past or survivors of homelessness. It was an inspiring night. The Raffle baskets raised another \$92.



The inspiring part was watching the people who won the baskets, gifting them to the homeless speakers!

**Movie Night** at the Howell Historic Theatre was the last event. The group watched the movie "The Pursuit of Happyness", which shares a story of hope.



Special Thank You to the Committee who made 2017 Homeless Awareness Week the most successful ever. Total funds raised was \$721! Also thank you to the courageous speakers who shared their stories in an effort to reduce the stigma and assumptions that go with homelessness.

The 2017 Core Competency Training Series was a huge success with 177 people attending trainings from 34 agencies!

The 2018 Core Competency Calendar will be out soon.

## Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body

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*Ensuring a system of support for members of our community.*

### What is the Purpose of the Livingston County HSCB?

The Livingston HSCB started in 1989 and was officially recognized as the county Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body by the state and county Board of Commissioners in 1995. Now, referred to as a Community Collaborative by the state, the HSCB is comprised of 26 appointed members that work together to coordinate health and human services across systems. The HSCB also:

- Develops strategies and programs to meet current and future needs
- Fiscally manages state-funded collaborative initiatives
- Monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of collaborative projects

The HSCB does this work through established committees and workgroups which have specific goals and objectives to complete. The HSCB and most workgroups meet monthly and consist of representatives from public and non-profit organizations, business, and interested residents of the county. To learn about the work of the HSCB, contact Anne Rennie at [arennie@cmhliv.org](mailto:arennie@cmhliv.org).

## Upcoming Events in Livingston

### Holiday Meals

- Senior Nutrition will be delivering meals to people's homes. On December 13th, Senior Nutrition will be serving holiday meals at the Hamburg, Hartland, Fowlerville and Gregory Senior Centers. Contact them at 810-632-2155 for more information.
- American Legion will be offering a home cooked meal on Christmas Day. You can have it delivered or join us at the post. Call 517-546-2534 for more information.
- St. Mary Magdalen will be providing a special Christmas dinner on Christmas Day at 6 pm at the church. Call 810-229-8624 for more information.



### Matching Monday Money

Maximize your gift to Livingston County United Way by giving generously December 11th and have your donation matched by sponsors. Donations stay local and are directed to the most critical needs in the community. Call 810-494-3000 or donate online.

### Community Connect

February 3rd from 9-2 at Parker Middle School. This county-wide event is open to all! Contact Anne at [arennie@cmhliv.org](mailto:arennie@cmhliv.org) for exhibitor forms.

### HSCB Annual Meeting

Please join us on February 9th from 8:30-10 AM at the Livingston Educational Services Agency (LESA) for a look back over the last year. RSVP to Anne at [arennie@cmhliv.org](mailto:arennie@cmhliv.org).

### OLHSA's Walk for Warmth

February 24th at 8:30 am at the Hartland Educational Support Service Center at 9525 E. Highland Road. All proceeds go to keeping the heat on in Livingston County Homes over winter. Details on the Walk and sign up are now available through OLHSA website at [www.olhsa.org/walk4warmth](http://www.olhsa.org/walk4warmth).



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